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PRESS RELEASE

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Aggravated Assault

Location of Incident: Tiki Hut Frozen Yogurt, 11274 S. Fortuna Road – Yuma, AZ

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, at approximately 6:17 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a male subject armed with a gun and causing a disturbance at the Tiki Hut Frozen Yogurt located at 11274 S. Fortuna Road in Yuma.

It was reported that **Steven Covington**, 64 years of age, of Yuma, Arizona, entered the business without wearing a face mask. An employee told Covington that he was required to wear a face mask and gloves provided by the business in order to be served. Covington became upset and began dispensing frozen yogurt into his bare hands. Covington was then escorted out of the business by the employee.

Once outside, Covington went to his vehicle, retrieved a handgun, and began following the employee back to the store entrance. The employee was able to secure the door and Covington began pointing the handgun at the employee. Covington attempted to gain entry into the business as well as another business next door while still holding the handgun.



Steven Covington

Covington fled the area prior to the arrival of Deputies, but was located shortly after. Covington was still armed with the handgun when contacted by Deputies. Deputies were able to disarm Covington and arrest him without further incident.

Covington was booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Misconduct Involving Weapons, and Disorderly Conduct.

Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

Information Released By: Lt. Samuel Pavlak, Public Information Officer